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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Véronique DOUIN et al.

Application No.: 09/765,675

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For: NANOEMULSIONS COMPRISING AT LEAST  
ONE AMPHIPHILIC LIPID, AT LEAST ONE  
OIL, AND AT LEAST ONE CATIONIC  
POLYMER, AND USES THEREOF

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REPLY BRIEF UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.193

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.193, Appellants present in triplicate their Reply to the Examiner's Answer dated January 29, 2003. If any fees are required in connection with the filing of this paper, Appellants request that the required fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

REMARKS

I. **Response to Office's Argument in the Answer**

The Office continues to assert that it has established a prima facie case of obviousness. Contrary to the Office's mistaken belief, however, obviousness requires more than conclusory statements and unsubstantiated assertions.

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